

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed October 24, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,841,338 to Yasukuni; rejected claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasukuni in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,509,824 to Inaba et al.; and allowed claims 2 and 6-8.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 2 and 6-8. By this amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 3-5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, the Section 102(b) rejection of these claims is moot and should be withdrawn.

Similarly, regarding the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicant has cancelled claims 4 and 5. Accordingly, the Section 103(a) rejection of these claims is moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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